



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/849,195  
Applicant : GUTTAG ET AL.  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 1, 2004, the period of response to which is set to expire on October 1, 2004, please amend the above-captioned application, without prejudice or disclaimer, as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.